

Thank You!



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

2025 MINISTRY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

80 YEARS OF REACHING THE WORLD'S MOST ISOLATED PEOPLE

DELIVERING HELP, HOPE, AND HEALING THROUGH AVIATION

What began as a handful of retired military pilots who desired to serve the Lord with their aviation skills has grown into a global movement delivering help, hope, and healing through the tool of an airplane.

None of this work would be possible without you, our faithful partners.

It takes a host of people with a wide range of abilities and backgrounds to carry out this complex ministry, including our prayer and financial collaborators.

Thank you!

Allow us to share some of what was accomplished in the past year, so that you, too, can praise God for what He has done to reach isolated people with the love of Christ.

BECAUSE OF YOU:

Be encouraged! Your partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is helping to change people's lives in isolated communities.

At the ends of the earth, men, women, and children often face challenges that most of us in the United States can't even imagine.

**NO ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE. NO ACCESS TO EDUCATION.
NO CHURCHES. NO BIBLES.**

Because of your support

Over eight hours, a pilot in Papua flew 61 passengers and 3,000 pounds of cargo. Two of those flights were medical evacuations.

Because of your generosity

An experienced MAF maintenance instructor spent time mentoring mechanics at the MAF program in Liberia.

Because of you

MAF carried national missionaries in and out of the mountains of Lesotho. One particular woman shared the gospel with every single family in her area.

Your partnership with MAF is a great encouragement to our staff as well as to the isolated people we serve.

Likewise, our prayer is that this report encourages you. Because of you, Christ's love is reaching people in the world's most remote places.



*"Your love has given me great joy and encouragement,
because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."*

—Philemon 1:7





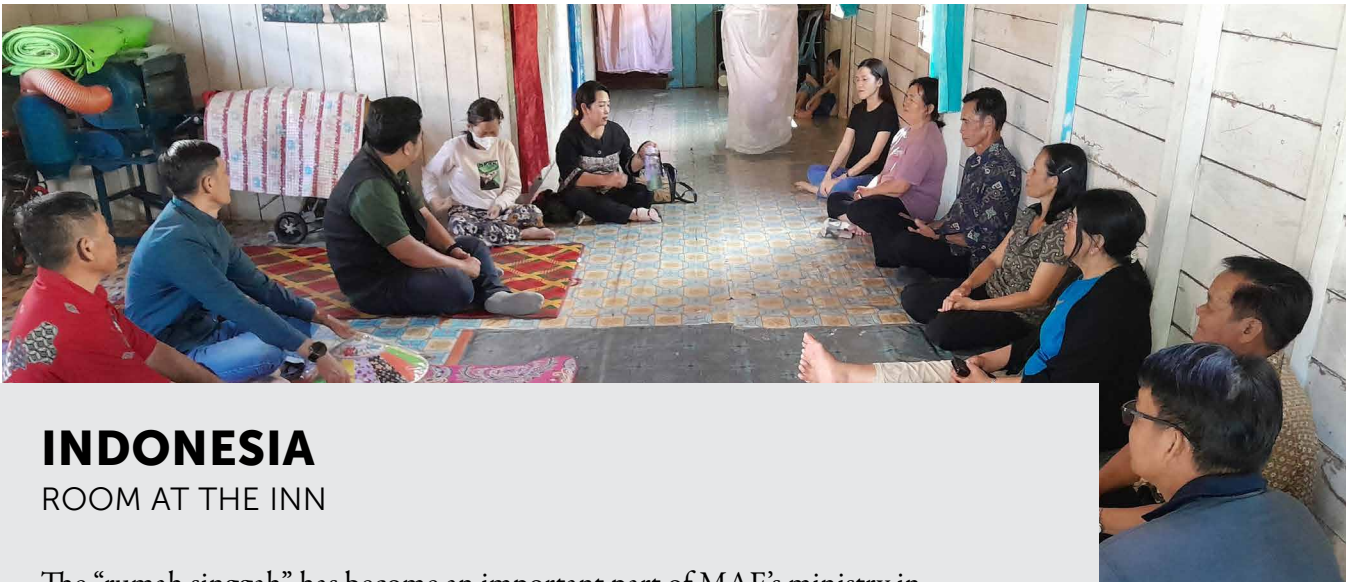
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CHURCH PLANT IN PANINTZA

The MAF team in Ecuador takes their role in evangelism and discipleship seriously. Three years ago, they adopted the community of Panintza as a ministry focus, after the community requested their assistance. MAF staff members Sixto Quiñones and Wilson Cui began visiting the community once a month. As people committed their lives to Christ, Sixto and Wilson challenged them to build a church building as a statement to the community. By raising their own funds, the church members did just that.

This year, after three years of ministry, the church of 18 families is firmly established. The MAF chaplain team declared their work was done. “The Gospel has been preached, and today every family has had the opportunity to know God.” Praise God for the church in Panintza!

Seventy years after Nate Saint, Jim Elliot, Ed McCulley, Pete Flemming, and Roger Youderian gave their lives to reach an isolated tribe in Ecuador’s jungles, Ecuadorian believers are serving remote people in Jesus’ name.



INDONESIA

ROOM AT THE INN

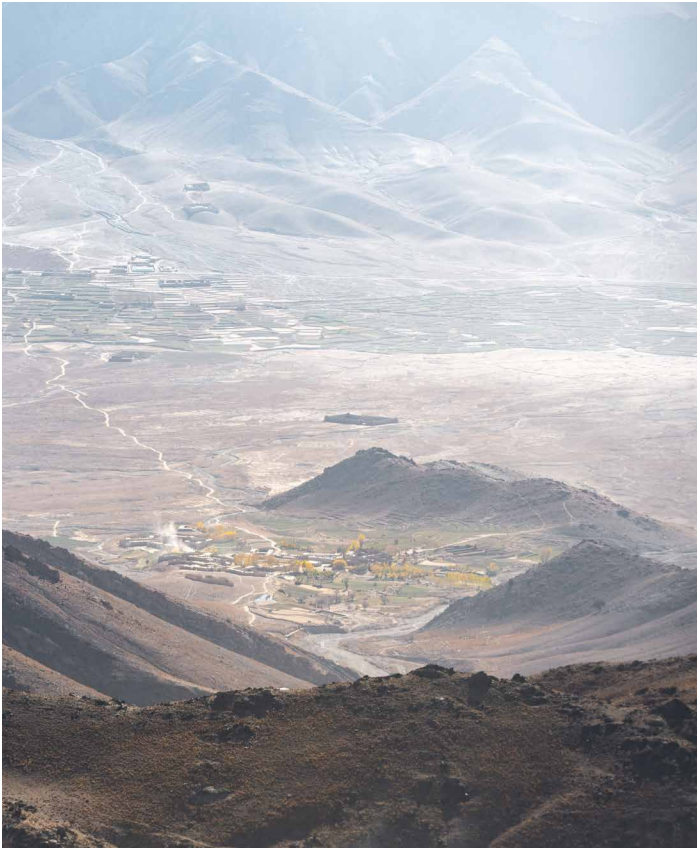
The “rumah singgah” has become an important part of MAF’s ministry in Kalimantan, Indonesia. “Rumah singgah” means guesthouse in Indonesian. **The team in Kalimantan transports 200-300 medevac patients each year.** More than half of the patients and accompanying family members do not have a place to stay near the hospital in Tarakan. They also need some way to prepare food (hospitals don’t provide meals) and recover after being released from the hospital. The rumah singgah meets those needs and more.

In partnership with a local church, MAF provides a chaplain service for guests. This provides many opportunities to invest meaningfully in their lives, building relationships that continue after patients return home.

LESOTHO

THE BICYCLE ACCIDENT THAT BUILT AN AIRSTRIP

Joe Adams is glad he was hit by a car. Joe is an MAF pilot in Lesotho and he was hit by a vehicle while cycling. He flew through the air over a six-foot wall and landed in an unconscious heap. He broke his elbow, wrist, and tailbone and couldn’t fly for several months. But Joe said he was grateful for the accident, because while filing an incident report about the accident, he met the principal secretary of the Lesotho Department of Transportation. Joe had been praying for years for a way to meet this person, and God facilitated it through a bicycle accident. Joe was keen to meet the secretary to ask for an airstrip to be built in an isolated area without access to medical care. The nearest nurse was a four-hour horseback ride away. The meeting with the secretary resulted in the government agreeing to build the strip. Engineers have already surveyed the land, and funds have been set aside.



SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA

RESPONDING TO HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

In a restricted access area, a humanitarian crisis developed when millions of people who had left the country were rounded up and forced back over the border. Some were assaulted and had their possessions taken. **Hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children were driven into a remote desert plain in a country that had previously confiscated their land and properties.** As humanitarian groups responded, **they asked MAF to provide air service.** There was already an airstrip nearby, allowing us to quickly begin flights, bringing humanitarian workers and desperately needed aid to the temporary camps.

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth.”

–1 John 3:18

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

MEDICAL MISSIONS

Despite the insecurity and tension in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) at the beginning of the year, MAF flew a visiting European medical team, hosted by the Missionaries of Jesus Christ, to Tembo in southwest DRC. After inaugurating the new mission hospital, the team conducted **577 consultations, 157 ultrasound exams, and 37 surgeries** in one week, as many as they could manage before returning home. The one-hour and forty-minute MAF flight each way saved precious days that were used treating patients rather than traveling over bad roads and treacherous rivers to get from Kinshasa to Tembo.



PROPELLING THE GOSPEL

MAF pilot Emmanuel Mbodwam recently shared about the ripple effect faithful gospel teaching can have over decades. In the 1980s, missionaries Dan and Christine Grings lived in the Congolese rainforest near Dekese, training students at a Bible school. One student with a great passion for the gospel trekked into Tshuapa and Equateur provinces and planted 17 churches around Monkoto. Because of their remoteness, no one from the school or mission had been able to visit these churches. Dan longed to visit this area but was prevented by ministry duties and the grueling two-week-long jungle trek. Finally, he and a colleague joined an MAF flight to Monkoto to conduct pastoral training (pictured left). However, baggage limits meant boxes of Bibles had to be left behind.

Meanwhile, pastors gathered in Monkoto—**one walking almost 150 miles to attend. Among the 17 church leaders in attendance, there was only one Bible.** But God had a providential surprise planned... thanks to a new check-in system that created margin for extra freight, MAF was able to bring more than 100 pounds of printed and audio Bibles.



AIRBRIDGE

Areas of the DRC remain perilous as rebel groups wage war over territory. But kingdom work continues, in part because MAF flights continue to provide an airbridge over dangerous areas. MAF's regular shuttle flights remain full as people opt to take MAF planes instead of traveling by road from Bunia. MAF flew a group of church leaders and missionaries from one Congolese denomination for a regional meeting in Mambasa—bringing encouragement to a church that has been battered by the Allied Defense Force Rebels (ADF). The ADF has ties to the Islamic State and is known for its violence. The group persecutes Christians in eastern DRC with continuous attacks. In November, MAF also flew a missionary out of Mambasa after he spent time encouraging believers there. Many of those who attended walked many kilometers to attend, some just a day or two after their churches were attacked.

Dutch missionary Hilvert said,

“Over the past 25 years, we have flown with MAF many times. I am always grateful for the work and commitment of these brothers/pilots, who begin every flight with prayer. Without MAF, we would not be able to reach several areas, or it would be very difficult, especially now in north-eastern Congo!”

NEW AIRPLANES STRENGTHENING THE FLEET

Operating an aviation ministry with high standards for safety is not inexpensive. Because we want to operate with the highest safety standards that are practical, MAF has committed to replacing our aircraft when they reach an age where maintenance needs make operation difficult. When new aircraft join the MAF fleet, everyone rejoices. Here are two that became part of MAF in 2025.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

9S-EMZ did her final MAF flight in late 2025, bringing various missionaries, Bible translators, doctors, and NGO workers from Bunia to Entebbe. After many years of serving MAF, she will be replaced by MAF DRC's first Caravan EX. This new-to-us airplane came via a contact within the aviation industry who knew MAF was looking for new planes. This Grand Caravan was acquired with a several-hundred-thousand-dollar discount, thanks to goodwill from the seller. For the past several months, the plane has been in the MAF hangar, undergoing modifications such as adding a cargo pod and removing a de-icing system. (She won't need that in the DRC! And it will reduce weight.) The target date for completion is the summer of 2026.

NIGERIA

After several years of consideration and study, MAF decided to move forward with opening a new program in the West African nation of Nigeria. While Nigeria is more developed than many of the places MAF serves, it's a vast country the size of Oklahoma and Texas combined, with poor infrastructure in many places, along with roads made dangerous by armed bandits. MAF partner organization Samaritan's Purse recognized the value of having MAF in Nigeria, so they eagerly donated a 2025 Cessna Caravan for Nigeria. Already having a plane means we can begin flights earlier and not wait to fundraise for an airplane. The plane is currently at our Nampa hangar being retrofitted for MAF's specific needs (like adding rock guards and satellite tracking), with a goal of getting to the country in late 2026.



EVACUATION OPENS NEW DOORS

When MAF leaders made the tough decision to indefinitely suspend the Haiti program last year, the families serving in Haiti faced the difficult choice of what to do next. For Andrew and Angie Sutton, who served in Haiti for many years, leaving their beloved country opened the door for something new and unexpected. Andrew Sutton has joined the new Nigeria program as the country director. The Suttons visited in July, and while the visit clearly demonstrated the need for MAF service, it also gave them a deep sense that God was moving them according to His plan.



“*The landscape felt so familiar,” Angie Sutton wrote. “The slower pace of life, open-air markets, speed bumps, baby goats everywhere, and even plants reminded us of Haiti, a place that still holds so much of our hearts.”*”



Watch Andrew and Angie Sutton share how God is leading them to launch a new MAF flight program in Nigeria.



INDONESIA

PAPUA HOPE SCHOOL

MAF staff are not normally involved in starting local schools, but the Papua Hope School was born out of a vision to train Papuan pilots and mechanics to join the ministry. One of the challenges to this vision was the lack of critical thinking and problem-solving taught locally. Indonesia ranks almost last in the quality of education globally. And Papua has the fewest teachers and the fewest resources. So MAF took on the challenge of establishing a Bible-based, academically rigorous school that would serve the entire island.

The school is in the city of Sentani, but children from the Papuan highlands come and board at the school to be educated. **The school started with eight kids in first grade in 2008.** As the students advanced each year, the school added a new incoming grade. **In 2025, the school year began with 430 students from preschool through 12th grade.**

The original eight students graduated from high school in 2020. One of them, Alita, had wanted to be a doctor since she was small. After high school, she went to medical school in Jakarta, is currently in residency, and plans to be a surgeon.



GLOBAL

INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS

Ecuadorian Martha Violeta Parreño began working in the Ecuador program as an accounting assistant. Since the accounting software is in English, Martha joined MAF's English learning program to increase her proficiency. As she learned more about MAF, Martha felt an increasing call to use her accounting skills as a missionary. She spent several months in an intensive English language program, and she plans to use her accounting skills wherever the Lord leads. Martha says she is ready to obey God's call.

MOZAMBIQUE

JESUS FILM

Through Nelson, one of the Mozambican staff at the hangar, our *JESUS* film ministry is thriving. Nelson coordinates multiple showings every other weekend in villages near, or not-so-near, Nampula. It is a sacrifice of time for Nelson. For each showing, he drives the equipment to the village, sets up the projector, waits for dark, shows the movie, speaks and prays with people afterward, and then drives home. He often doesn't get home until after midnight. **After each showing, roughly 10-12 people take steps to pursue a relationship with God.** *Even more local churches have requested JESUS film showings next year; the plan is to show it 38 times in 2026.*



"I'm sure Nelson would say, 'We have done only what we ought to have done.'"

—MAF pilot Josh Brumley



MOZMED

The MozMed program in Mozambique allows MAF to fly medical professionals once a month into the remote Niassa Special Reserve to serve nine villages that don't have access to medical care. In late 2024, MAF had to pause services because of nearby insurgent activity. When the program resumed in July 2025, eager patients lined up to be seen, and the medical team saw **123 patients in a single day.** On that first visit, the pilots brought four people back to Nampula for further treatment. One partner wrote:

"I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE UNWAVERING COMMITMENT THAT YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED, EVEN IN THE FACE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE REGION. IT IS ADMIRABLE TO SEE HOW YOU HAVE NOT LOST THE ESSENCE OF PROFESSIONALISM, RIGOR, AND DEDICATION TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITIES YOU SERVE."

MAF is a family of organizations led by people in countries around the world who have a similar vision of taking Christ's love into the most remote places on earth. MAF-US collaborates with our sister organizations to meet spiritual and physical needs.



381
DESTINATIONS SERVED



241
ORGANIZATIONS SERVED



16,024
FLIGHTS ACCOMPLISHED



42,587
PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED



4,284,503
LBS OF CARGO CARRIED



42,445
DAYS OF TRAVEL TIME SAVED

 **EVERY 16 MINUTES**
AN MAF PLANE TAKES OFF OR LANDS



MAF-US
(Plus 2 Restricted Access Countries)



MAF Canada



MAF International



MAF-US Affiliates



MAF-US and MAF International Collaboration



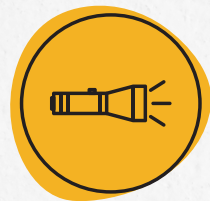
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5 AREAS OF IMPACT

Jesus cared about the whole person—physical, emotional, and spiritual. As MAF carries out each flight, activity, and interaction, we want to do the same.

With this in mind, we intentionally seek to build our ministry around five areas of impact:



Searching for new disciples by bringing gospel awareness so isolated people have an opportunity to hear about Jesus



Supporting existing followers and disciple-makers by coming alongside other believers in their walk with Jesus and in their disciple-making efforts



Strengthening the capacity and talent of national staff by taking intentional steps to further the education and development of MAF's local overseas employees



Serving people's core needs by helping meet needs that are crucial to the well-being of those we serve



Stewarding creation as a reflection of God's love for mankind by supporting projects related to the care of God's creation

For more stories and videos of what God is doing through MAF with your help, scan here:



A NOTE FROM

THE PRESIDENT

Thank you so much for your partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and our vision to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ. I hope you were encouraged by a few of our 2025 updates and some of the 2026 goals we are looking forward to.

As you read, MAF plays a vital role through our fleet of versatile airplanes—delivering supplies, providing emergency evacuations, and transporting gospel partners and other organizations. For example, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we delivered printed and audio Bibles for local pastors. Previously, those pastors shared a single Bible among 17 congregations! **MAF counts it a privilege to serve those in greatest need via aircraft.**

We're excited about our opportunities for 2026, such as the launch of a new program in Nigeria, and we are growing our capacity to financially support our overseas staff. We also look forward to boosting our hangar's productivity with some much-needed maintenance technicians. These are just a glimpse of the significant steps ahead for MAF in the coming year.

In regions with so many barriers and hardships, MAF remains a beacon of hope—ensuring Kingdom work continues despite insecurity or isolation.

Thank you for partnering with us to bring help, hope, and healing through aviation.

In Christ,

David Holsten

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

—Ephesians 3:20



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